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Family dead in Bronx highway nightmare

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► Rescue workers watch as the crumpled white 2004 Honda Pilot is loaded onto a flatbed truck just under the Bronx River Parkway.

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7 killed in tragic Bronx accident

► Visiting grandparents, two daughters and three young grandchildren in close-knit family perished in auto accident ► Van hurled over rail



► Police load the demolished white van onto a flatbed truck from where it landed after plunging off the Bronx River Parkway.



► A firefighter leaves the scene of the accident on Bronx Zoo property.

Three generations of one family were killed yesterday afternoon in a tragic crash in the Bronx.

A grandmother and grandfather, their two daughters and three young grandchildren all perished when the van they were traveling in crashed on the Bronx River Parkway at 12:30 p.m.

The accident happened near East 180 Street. The white 2004 Honda Pilot crashed through a barricade on the elevated highway, fell nearly 60 feet and landed just inside Bronx Zoo property, according to police.

Maria Gonzalez, 45, was driving, and her sister Maria Nunez, 39, was seated in the

second-row passenger seat.

The girls were all seated in the back: Jocelyn Gonzalez, 10; Niely Rosario, 7; and Marly Rosario, only 3 years old.

Grandfather Jacob Nunez, 85, who was visiting from the Dominican Republic, was seated in the front passenger seat. His wife, Ana Julia Martinez, 81, was seated in the second row.

According to the New York Daily News, the victims were members of a tight-knit Dominican family. The fatal accident occurred only blocks from their home, which was also their destination.

Gonzalez, who was driving, was traveling southbound on

the highway. She reportedly lost control, struck the center median and then, trying to correct, veered across three other lanes of traffic before careening off the road. Police said the van fell 59 feet and overturned.

They landed in a wooded spot just inside the perimeter of the 265-acre zoo.

The area where the van landed is not accessible to the public, and no visitors or animals were there.

According to reports, rescue workers had to cut the lifeless victims out of their seats.



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Firefighters shaken by the incident

NEW YORK. FDNY Deputy Chief Ronald Werner said that even he was troubled by the accident scene. "I've been in the fire department 30 years; sometimes you come upon events that are horrific, and this was one of them," Werner told the Post yesterday. "You see young kids hurt or lose their life, it's always harder." ● **METRO/CB**

In the news

NYPD school employee in DUI charge

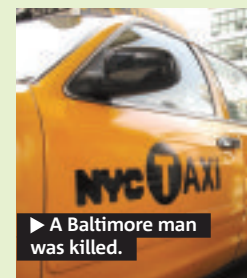
A man who is employed as an NYPD school safety agent was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with driving while intoxicated, police said. According to police, Mack Carter, 43, was stopped while driving eastbound on the Jackie Robinson Parkway near Exit 5. He was pulled over at about 4 a.m. on Saturday and charged. ● **METRO/CB**

In the news



Driver punched

The New York City Police are looking for the man above who allegedly punched a 47-year-old MTA train conductor in the face on April 21. The alleged assault happened aboard a northbound No. 1 train, while the train was stopped at the 207th Street station. The conductor was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital, treated for a broken nose and released. ● **METRO/JG**



► A Baltimore man was killed.

Man struck, killed by taxi

SOHO. A 29-year-old man, later identified as Baltimore resident Dan Fellegara, was struck and killed by a taxicab early Sunday morning. Fellegara was hit after he fell down while trying to cross Sixth Avenue in SoHo. Police say the taxi, which remained at the scene, was traveling uptown when the incident occurred at about 4:30 a.m. No criminality is suspected. ● **METRO/JG**

Two shot in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG. A man and a woman, both 24 years old, were shot early yesterday morning on the corner of Humboldt and Moore streets, on the Williamsburg-Bushwick border. The incident occurred at roughly 5 a.m., after which the two victims were rushed to Bellevue Hospital. Police said both remained in serious condition yesterday and their shooter has not yet been arrested.

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Brooklyn woman found dead

EAST NEW YORK. NYPD officers found a 30-year-old woman unconscious and unresponsive in an East New York apartment on Friday, they said. Rescue workers rushed the woman to Brookdale University Hospital, but she was pronounced dead on arrival. No arrests have been made yet in her death, and the investigation is ongoing, according to police.

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Con Ed fire sends smoke over Brooklyn

DUMBO. A fire broke out at a Con Ed substation in DUMBO yesterday evening, sending flames shooting high into the air and resulting in dramatic plumes of thick black smoke wafting over the

Brooklyn waterfront.

The fire broke out just after 5 p.m. Several nearby residents called 911 reporting they heard and felt a massive explosion, according to the FDNY.

Con Ed spokesman Chris Olert denied there was an explosion, however. He said a fire broke out in a piece of reactor equipment in the station. ● **METRO/CB**



► Residents reported a blast and said their buildings shook.

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Look for green cabs in NY outer boroughs

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► New Yorkers should start seeing these new green cabs on outer borough streets in late June.

Say hello to the new outer-borough taxicab, which will be a lovely shade of pistachio — or Apple Green.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the Taxi and Limousine Commission unveiled the official color for the new “boro taxis” yesterday morning outside of City Hall. Look for these pale green cabs to be cruising for street hails in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island as early as late June. They’ll also be in Manhattan, north of East 96th and West 110th streets.

The new cabs will be licensed to pick up street hails and will be confined to New

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The TLC estimates that more than 100,000 illegal livery car hails take place every day.

York’s outer boroughs and northern Manhattan.

Prior to this, yellow cabs were the only cars licensed to make street pickups, but they were rarely seen outside Manhattan’s central business district, to the anger of many a New Yorker. As a result, residents in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx often flagged down black livery cars, a practice that is illegal and can re-

sult in steep fines for the livery car driver if caught.

“The new Apple Green vehicles will bring thousands of hardworking livery drivers out of the shadows,” said Bloomberg today.

According to the mayor, some seven million New Yorkers who live outside Manhattan will benefit from the outer borough taxicabs.

The TLC will make a total of 18,000 boro taxi permits available, with the first of three annual batches of 6,000 to be issued starting in June.



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Just like taxis

The new green taxis will be similar to yellow cabs, in that the vehicles will be equipped with credit card machines, roof lights that will signal whether they are available or not and meters to standardize the fare.

Having outer-borough taxicabs is a first for New York City, and the idea was first proposed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg earlier this year. The plan required a change in state law, and Bloomberg’s vision became law in February.

The city announced earlier this year that the cabs



would have a new color so that they would be distinct from both yellow cabs and black livery cars.

“Apple Green is very fitting for the new boro taxis,” said TLC Commissioner David Yassky. “It’s pleasing to the eye, easy to see from a distance and blends well with the urban landscape.”

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Drivers fined for pickups in Manhattan

The new cabs will also be equipped with GPS devices, in part to make sure they’re only doing pickups outside of Manhattan’s central business district. If green cab drivers are caught picking up street hails in Manhattan, they face fines, according to the TLC. Drivers will be fined \$350 for the first offense, \$500 for the second and loss of license if they’re caught a third time. ● METRO/CB



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Bloomberg slams report on happy hour bans as 'fictitious'

► NY Post claims officials are mulling outlawing drink specials ► But mayor reassures it's a 'made-up story'

Mayor Michael Bloomberg yesterday mercilessly lambasted a New York Post cover story that claimed the city is considering a happy-hour ban.

In the Sunday morning paper, the Post quoted anonymous sources within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, who said discussions were underway to outlaw alcohol specials at bars and restaurants.

Bloomberg quickly responded to the report, saying: "This year, the committee did not award a Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Now we have one ... for next year."

He added: "We told them we have no plans. It is a totally fictitious, made-up story, and it's just not what I would call responsible journalism."

When contacted by Metro, Robert Bookman, counsel for

Booze restrictions on the way?

The Bloomberg administration has never made any secret of its desire to improve public health, championing measures such as smoking bans and mandatory calorie counts on menus.

But thus far, Bloomberg and Department of Health Commissioner Thomas Farley have largely left booze alone. The Health Department did state in its "Take

Care New York 2012" report that it would advocate for "limits on sales practices ... that promote drinking among adolescents and heavy drinking among adults."

Hospitalizations for problems attributable to alcohol were 209.2 per 100,000 people in 2006, according to the Health Department. Its goal is to get that number down to 170 by this year.

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the New York Nightlife Association, a trade group that advocates for bar and restaurant owners, seemed unconcerned about the fate of happy hour.

"I seriously doubt the truth of such a rumor, as they are

aware that they have absolutely no jurisdiction over the sale or consumption of alcohol," he said in an e-mail.

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The company has an office in Reno, Nev., to collect and invest its profits and avoid paying California's 8.84 percent corporate tax rate on some of its gains, the newspaper said. Nevada's tax rate is zero, the Times said. The method, which is legal, is one of many that enables the iPad and iPhone maker to reduce its tax bill by billions of dollars each year, the newspaper said in a story published yesterday.

Former Treasury Department economist Martin Sullivan estimates Apple paid cash taxes of \$3.3 billion worldwide on posted profit of \$34.2 bil-



lion last year, and would have paid \$2.4 billion more in U.S. taxes without the arrangement it has, the newspaper said.

Technology companies, due to a tax code skewed to an industrial age and not a digital one, are among the least-taxed businesses in the U.S., the Times said, citing government and corporate data.

Bloomberg News reported in October 2010 that Google Inc. cut its taxes by \$3.1 billion in the three years prior using strategies known as the "Double Irish" and "Dutch Sandwich." **BLOOMBERG**

Japan. No Nukes



► Participants take part in a "Twit No Nukes" demonstration in the Shibuya district protesting against Japan's nuclear energy policies and the radiation contamination from the March 2011 Fukushima Daiichi disaster.

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Anti-nuclear demonstration

"Twit No Nukes" demonstrations are primarily made up of citizens who have not joined demonstrations or protests previously, and the group gains its name from the fact that it is organized via Twitter social media networking.

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Starwood hotels ready to make return to Iraq 20 years after Gulf War

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., owner of the luxury St. Regis and W brands, plans to re-enter the Iraqi market, almost 20 years after exiting as a result of the Gulf War.

Starwood signed deals to operate two hotels in Erbil, Iraq, Guido De Wilde, senior vice president for the Middle East, said in an interview in Dubai yesterday. The hotelier will operate a 250-room Four

Points by Sheraton and a Sheraton property with 221 rooms and 39 suites in 2015.

Starwood opened two hotels in Iraq in 1982, in Basra and Baghdad, that were closed following the Gulf War in 1990. Erbil is Iraq's fourth-largest city with a population of around 1.3 million. It is also the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, which is perceived as safer region for business. **BLOOMBERG**

One dead, dozens hurt as storm hits St. Louis beer tent

One person was killed and dozens were injured on Saturday when a thunderstorm packing high winds blew down a beer tent on baseball fans celebrating after a St. Louis Cardinals game, police said.

Several of those hurt were listed in critical condition at area hospitals, officer Sherri Bruns of the St. Louis Police Department told Reuters.

The person killed was identified only as a male, and the exact cause of his death was not immediately clear.

A spokesman for Barnes Jewish Hospital, Jamie Gagliarducci, said that 20 people were treated in the facility's emergency room. **REUTERS**

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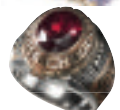
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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

A weekend of renewing wedding vows, celebrity style



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Marcia Cross is saying goodbye, Rumer Willis is exercising and Russell Brand is trying to control his spending.

@ReallyMarcia: cannot believe this is the last time i will go to bed and wake to work on Desperate Housewives...last day tomorrow.

@TheRue: Trying out a pole dancing workout class today...kinda stoked

@rustyrocks: I would never burn money. Unless you count the ten grand I spent on cat jackets.



► The happy couple on Friday.

Are you a celebrity couple who needs a good reason to send out a press release? But you don't feel like 1. Announcing a pregnancy or 2. Getting a divorce? Then just renew your wedding vows! It's a surefire way to get some attention thrown your way.

First up this weekend? **Mariah Carey** and **Nick Cannon** renewed their vows Friday at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Spokeswoman Cindi Berger said the couple celebrated with an "intimate ceremony after a romantic dinner at the beautiful Jules Verne restaurant." I love how "intimate" these days refers

to having a hoard of photographers on the scene — as well as a publicist.

Not to be outdone, **LeAnn Rimes** and **Eddie Cibrian** renewed their vows on a romantic trip to Calabasas, Calif., on Friday. "We renewed our vows today....it's incredible to thank each other for the past year as husband and wife," Rimes tweeted. "Here's to another great year!"

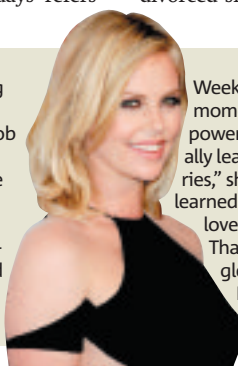
You know, it's probably bad to be so cynical. After all, with the way Hollywood marriages last, recognizing any amount of time together without getting divorced should be celebrated.

Why Theron is still single

Ever wonder why **Charlize Theron** is still single? She (jokingly) blames **Tom Hanks** and **Daryl Hannah** (as well as the state of the moviemaking industry) for a lack of a ring.

"If I knew that 3-D was go-

ing to be such a big deal, I would have gotten that boob job 10 years ago," Theron joked while accepting a Distinguished Decade of Achievement in Film award at CinemaCon, according to Us



Weekly. She also took a moment to celebrate the power of movies. "We really learn from these stories," she said. "I mean, I learned everything about love watching 'Splash.' That's why I'm still single, so thanks, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah for that."

Talking points



► Bieber

Indonesia takes it to The Bieber

Justin Bieber is under fire in Indonesia after some offhand remarks he made about the country, where he recorded a track on his new album. During an event in London last week, Bieber said the song was recorded in "some random country" where "they didn't know what they were doing." And now folks in Indonesia are striking back: This weekend, North Sumatra teen-pop radio station KISS 105 FM banned Bieber's music, according to the Jakarta Post. "His tone was very condescending and he is just a 19-year-old boy. This is a

country with more than 200 million citizens," Kiss FM executive producer Anggi Simanjuntak says, while one of the station's on-air personalities says the ban would be lifted if Bieber "apologized in a sweet manner and promised not to say such things about Indonesia again."

Lohan late to set of 'Glee'

Lindsay Lohan's attempt to get back to work isn't going too smoothly. The troubled actress reportedly showed up six hours late to film a cameo in an upcoming episode of "Glee," according to Us Weekly. "She came to set with a million demands and was not prepared to work," a source on the set says. "One of her demands has to do with her trailer size. The cast is already worked to death, and then she puts everything behind. She is a diva."

Gellar expecting baby No. 2

Sarah Michelle Gellar and **Freddie Prinze Jr.** are expecting again. The "Ringer" star is pregnant with her second child, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. "She and Freddie are thrilled. They're amazing parents," a source says. Gellar and Prinze have been married 10 years and have a 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte Grace.

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Celebrities at the 98th annual White House Correspondents' Association Dinner

1. **Swizz Beatz** brought along wife **Alicia Keys**, who wore Diane



von Furstenberg, to Saturday's event.

2. **Charlize Theron** stunned in a Emilio Pucci black, lace, long-sleeve gown.

3. Newly single **Zoey Deschanel** was decked out in Oscar de la



Renta.

4. **Uggie** from "The Artist" looked very dapper in his pint-sized tux.

5. **Lindsay Lohan** paired a chic, black, floor-length gown with red locks and lips.



6. **Kim Kardashian**, who came not with **Kanye West** but with her mother, **Kris Jenner**, wore a forest green velvet gown.

6. Actress **Claire Danes** wore a white halter-neck gown by Vivienne Westwood.

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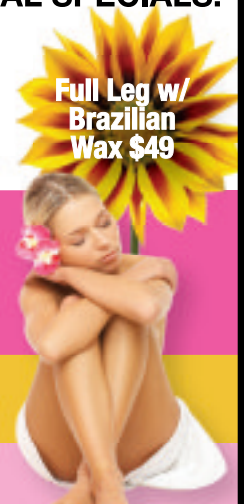
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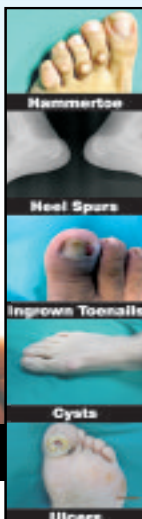
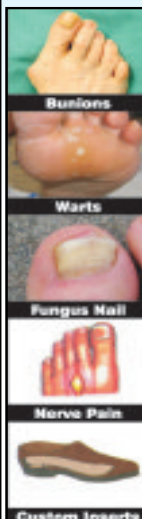
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► Vivienne Westwood is now as famous for using her fashion shows as a platform to save the planet as she is for her iconic pirate boot ► In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Month — she'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead ► We discuss

I PREFER 'FREEDOM FIGHTER'

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an interview with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the "Gaia" Theory. Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have [until] 2020 to do something — eight more years. And it's important for Americans to know

that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few, but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is freedom fighter. I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibility as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium. I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change like, "Plus Five Degrees." Plus five degrees is uninhabitable, it looks good on a T-shirt and promotes awareness.

What would you say to people who view your fight to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as contradictory?

My aim is quality not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to provide a standard of good design — which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

What are some changes that you've made in your own life to live in a more sustainable, ecologically minded way?

I ride a bicycle for convenience and I'm a person who doesn't like to waste things. I never waste food, for example. I also don't eat meat. I'm a very privileged person living in this part of the world so I can make choices, and my preferred food really is just fruit and vegetables. You don't need other food. This is optimum health. Once you get into it, nothing else tastes so good.

Green picks

We pick our three favorite bags from Vivienne Westwood's line, Ethical Fashion Africa, handmade in Nairobi. www.viviennewestwood.com



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one thing after another."

► **Go to art galleries** "The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in' is my motto."

► **Read** "The best fashion accessory is a book."

► **Prepare your own food** "Buying and preparing your own

food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."

► **D.I.Y.** "Wear a piece of beautiful fabric, borrow stuff from your friends and style it in with your own clothes."



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TV watch list

'Two and a Half Men'

COMEDY. Charlie Harper is back — sort of. It's unlikely Charlie Sheen will ever set foot on the "Men" set again, but that doesn't mean the writers can't have some fun with his character, who appears as a ghost after Alan has a minor heart attack. In a stupendous act of stunt casting, Kathy Bates pulls on the requisite bowling shirt for the role of the deceased king of debauchery. 9 p.m., CBS

'The Pitch'

REALITY. It's "Mad Men" minus the '60s-era sexism, smoking and drinking when two real-life ad agencies compete for the business of big clients. Series premiere, 9 p.m., AMC

'Money From Strangers'

REALITY. This new hidden-camera show finds people willing to do ridiculous and/or humiliating things in public for cash. Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., MTV

'Hawaii Five-O'

DRAMA. When a suspect threatens to unleash a deadly virus, Danny and Chin Ho call in backup. This crossover episode finds Sam and Callen from "NCIS: Los Angeles" lending a hand in Hawaii. 10 p.m., CBS

AMBER RAY

'Think Like a Man' takes box office once again

▶ Newly released, Apatow-produced comedy 'The Five-Year Engagement' doesn't make it into the top three

▶ 'Pirates!' scores second-best slot

ALAN MARKFIELD



▶ Regina Hall and Terrence J. star in "Think Like a Man."

Romantic comedy "Think Like a Man" easily beat four new films to win the U.S. and Canadian box-office race for a second time while superhero movie "The Avengers" stormed into overseas theaters with record-breaking sales.

"Think Like a Man" led domestic charts with an \$18.0 million total from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters on Sunday. New movies including adult comedy "The Five-Year Engagement" didn't come close, each grabbing about \$11 million or less.

"Avengers" reaches North American (U.S. and Canadian) theaters on Friday to kick off the summer movie season.

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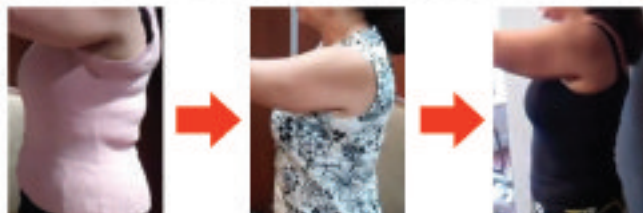
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When altruism meets green engineering

► The field doesn't always appear eco-friendly, but there's plenty of room for green engineers ► Celeste Baine on her guide for do-gooder Millennials

For the past decade, Celeste Baine has been attempting to hook high school students on engineering.

Through her Oregon-based company, Engineering Education Service Center, she leads workshops for both students and teachers, develops curricula for middle and high school

students and even sells kitschy engineering-themed pins and shirts on the EESC website.

She's also published more than two dozen engineering career guides.

Her latest — "The Green Engineer: Engineering Careers to Save the Earth" — explores a plethora of job opportunities in

the eco-minded economy.

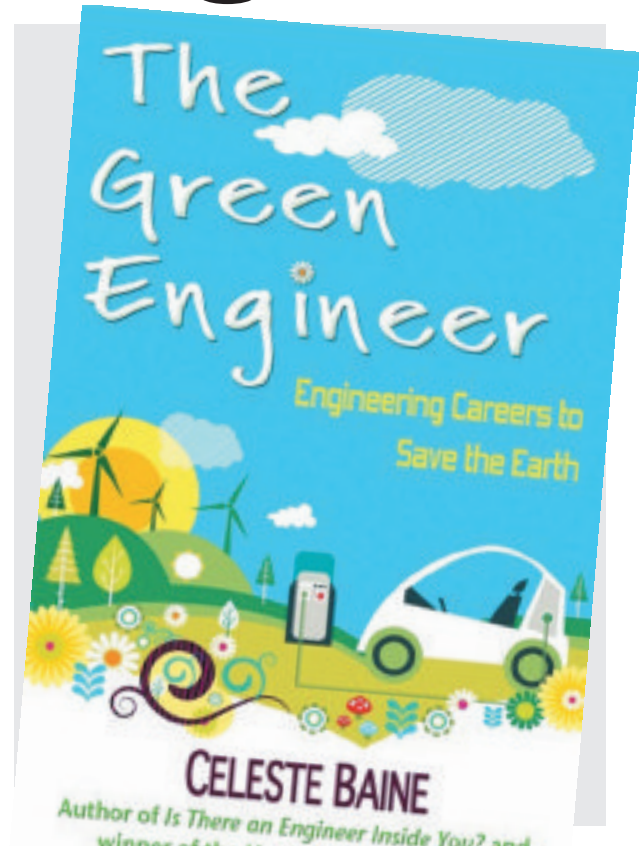
"I look at these career guides from a different perspective. I like to actively ask the reader: 'What is it that you really like to do?' and lead them to the kinds of engineering jobs that involve those things," says Baine. "I feel like Millennials are very altruistic.

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It may be Monday, but it's never too early to start thinking about how you can make the most of your weekend. How about adding seeking out some local culture? There are always new art exhibits and musical acts starting up in spring, but you might need to plan ahead so that you know where to go. With my suggestions below, you can get artsy, learn a new trick or jam out to some local tunes.

Check out the local art scene: Art can be both soothing and moving. Are you the kind of person who's never visited the local museum? I'll admit that when I get super busy, I forget that I live in one of the most artistic cities in the world! This weekend, I encourage you to take advantage of New York's renowned art scene. Visit the



► Spring in the city means there's an abundance of cool on just about every corner.

Met and check out the latest exhibit, or hit a local gallery for some extra inspiration.

Step outside of your comfort zone: If you've been feeling stuck in the same patterns, it's time to try something new. During one of your weekends, get unstuck and inspired with an innovative activity—maybe try trapeze lessons or hit up a local rock wall for some climbing. When you move your body in new ways, you feel accomplished and proud of yourself. Maybe your newfound confidence can help you head back to the office and finally ask for

that raise you've been wanting! **Enjoy free outdoor music:** One of my favorite things to do over a temperate weekend is find the best of the outdoor music scene. When the weather gets nicer, tons of DJs and musicians perform in local parks throughout the city. Check out the Metro listings to locate live—often free—outdoor shows where you can get your groove on.

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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Health care law has much to love

RE: "HALF OF ALL WOMEN REPORT PROBLEMS GETTING HEALTH CARE": I could not agree more with Antoinette Valluzzi's letter regarding preventive health services that are now available without a co-pay thanks to Obama's health care law. It is not only women's preventive health services like pap smears that are covered by this law, but all Americans can now get annual checkups without a co-pay. Other benefits of the health care law include barring insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have pre-existing conditions, making it mandatory for insurance companies to provide coverage for dependent children up to the age of 26 and prohibiting insurance compa-

nies from denying coverage to policyholders once they get sick. **CAROLYN CASEY, VIA E-MAIL**

"The least productive citizens will do even less than usual!"

May Day is nearly here, and the neo-communists are plotting their grand rebellion. None of the Occupiers will be productive tomorrow: That's right, the least productive citizens will do even less than usual — that will show them evil capitalists! It's hard not to laugh at these meatheads. Other than messing up traffic for productive citizens, what do these naive losers hope to accomplish? A Communist utopia run by the Occupy dum-dums? It's

laughable, as they bring nothing to the table other than their appetite. History has proven their myopic worldview wrong on many occasions. What else does one need to know?

JOSHUA TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL

Social Security will continue to pay out

RE: "SOCIAL SECURITY FUND TO RUN OUT": Your brief article about Social Security was very misleading. While the fund might "become insolvent in 2033," that means the fund will take in less money than it pays out, not that all the money will be gone. The fund, even without changes, will still be able to pay out for decades after 2033 most of the funds due retirees, just not full benefits.

ELKAN KATZ, VIA E-MAIL

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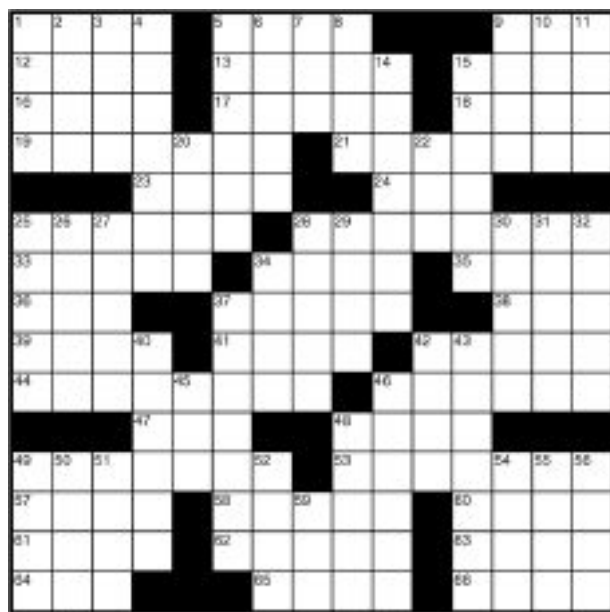
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- 1 Sear a steak
- 5 FDR's pooch
- 9 Really big tees
- 12 Moon goddess
- 13 Pablo's girl
- 15 "Famous" cookie maker
- 16 Skip
- 17 Media star
- 18 Bow and scrape
- 19 Wobbly dessert
- 21 Thinks up
- 23 Insect eater
- 24 ___ kwon do
- 25 Bring to mind
- 28 Corsage orchid
- 33 An angle, perhaps
- 34 Positive
- 35 Did Easter eggs
- 36 Income source
- 37 Put up
- 38 Swing voter (abbr.)
- 39 Put ___ on it!
- 41 Point ___ return
- 42 Florentine poet
- 44 Wow 'em (3 wds.)
- 46 Bird's home
- 47 Dinner check
- 48 Oblong tomato
- 49 Office fastener
- 53 Disconnects
- 57 Before
- 58 Ratched or Houlihan
- 60 Libra's stone
- 61 Road for Caesar
- 62 Locations
- 63 ___ monster
- 64 Monk's title
- 65 Kind of pilot
- 66 Unforeseen problem

Down

- 1 Block
- 2 Scottish philosopher



- 3 Dye-yielding plant
- 4 Drumming sound (hyph.)
- 5 Mudpack
- 6 Improve upon
- 7 ___ Abner, of the comics
- 8 Made mellow
- 9 Noel, briefly
- 10 Rob of "Wayne's World"
- 11 9-digit IDs
- 14 Was an accomplice
- 15 Off the track

- 20 Decorated tinware
- 22 Cauldron
- 25 Elephant owner, maybe
- 26 Rod-shaped bacteria (2 wds.)
- 27 Old unit of length
- 28 Prompting
- 29 The younger Guthrie
- 30 Watching
- 31 Busybody
- 32 Waiter, at times
- 34 Muslim mystic
- 37 Spools

- 40 Flustered excitement
- 42 Humid
- 43 Some watches
- 45 Shoe saver
- 46 Aboveboard
- 48 Clever plays
- 49 Invoice stamp
- 50 A law ___ itself
- 51 Cherry leftover
- 52 Evening, to Pierre
- 54 ___ the air
- 55 Fundraiser, often
- 56 Refinery waste
- 59 66, for short

What about the smokers, Obama?

RE: "CHANGE ON HOLD FOR THE CAMPAIGN": As a candidate, Obama vowed not to raise taxes on individuals making below \$200,000. Sixteen days into office, he hiked the federal tax on conventional cigs from 39 cents to \$1.01. I thought he wanted to tax the rich only.

STEPHEN HELFER, VIA E-MAIL

Wake up and smell the new New Deal

RE: "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS FOR SERVICES": "Retrograde view of our government"? "Car bombs"? "Crazed snipers"? Mr. Connell must be living in the 1930s when the New Deal was in effect. What we need is less government, especially in "our" schools. The leftist lies our kids get indoctrinated with include global warming, pro-U.N. propaganda, politically correct "sustainability" hogwash. Mr. Connell: You need to enter the 21st century.

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Horoscope

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** Don't allow anyone to involve you in petty social games just because that person wants to get even with someone he or she dislikes. Instead, enjoy all of your friends.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** If you hope to be content with your lot in life, it's important not to compare yourself to others. Be honest with yourself, and you'll realize how fortunate you are.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** Phrase your comments very carefully, lest you inadvertently blurt out something hurtful. Once spoken, it could be quite difficult to explain.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** Put definite limitations on your purchasing so that your extravagant urges don't get the upper hand. Spending foolishly on expensive things or events could do you in.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although at times you can get away with handling several situations simultaneously, this might not be the case today. Limit your focus and efforts to one endeavor at a time.

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Make sure you handle all of your involvements in a mature manner. Others will have more respect for you if don't try to play upon their sympathy and goodness.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are times when your strong personality can effectively enhance your image — but if you go overboard, it could be another story. Being a cocky hot-shot will not play well.

♐ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** As long as you don't let self-doubt weaken your thrust, you'll have what it takes to be successful and accomplish your aims. However, any form of negativity will be counterproductive.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Falsely flattering someone could pump up the recipient for the moment, but come back to haunt you later on when, as a result, your pal thinks you owe him or her something.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There's a strong chance that once again you might not fare too well with someone who has bested you in the past, especially if you try too hard to overtake him or her.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't make any half-hearted promises today that you aren't likely to be able to keep. Unfortunately, you will be taken up on what you say and embarrassed if or when you can't produce.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** If you fail to help someone who asks for your assistance and desperately needs it, chances are you won't like yourself — especially if you refuse due to laziness. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Devils lose in OT

The Devils were hard-luck losers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Flyers, 4-3 in overtime, yesterday.

Danny Briere appeared to score the game-winner a couple minutes into the overtime period — but upon review the goal was disallowed on what was an obvious kick into the net.

Briere got his redemption moments later when he scored the actual winner on a slapshot 4:36 into the extra period.

Zach Parise, Travis Zajac and Petr Sykora had the three goals for New Jersey.

32

Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur faced a flurry of shots, stopping 32 of them. His counterpart on Philadelphia, Ilya Bryzgalov, had 23 saves in the win.



► Ryan McDonagh and the Rangers defense frustrated Alex Ovechkin throughout Game 1.

GET DEFENSIVE

- Blueshirts bringing the defensive intensity to Game 2
- Ovechkin shut down ► Girardi: 'Make his life hard'

Chris Kreider and Brad Richards received much of the adulation in the immediate aftermath of the Rangers' 3-1 win over the Capitals in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Saturday afternoon.

Still, the Rangers' collective commitment to defense was

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the foundation for the win and what they hope to build on.

"We were able to take seams away. [We tried] to take away

[stretch] passes," Ruslan Fedotenko said. "Defensive priority is number one."

The Rangers were especially strong against Alex Ovechkin, who only had one shot on goal in the opener.

"We tried to stay up in his face and not give him too much room to wheel around with the puck," Dan Girardi said. "He's going to have chances when he's coming down the wing and you try to keep him to the outside. If he does cut to the middle you pass him off to your partner. ... Try to make his life hard."

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► Sabathia

CC Sabathia back to form for Yankees

CC Sabathia didn't show much during his first two turns through the rotation. But the Yankees hardly blinked, because they know he is as close to a sure thing as exists in their inconsistent rotation.

He showed it by turning in eight outstanding innings in Sunday's 6-2 win over the Tigers.

"I think we've seen him do it time and time again," manager Joe Girardi said. "In spring training, we talked about this is a guy that notoriously has got off to slow starts and not to evaluate him the first month of the season."

Sabathia has been performing better in a rotation that has a combined 6.07 ERA through 21 games. His third straight win lowered his ERA to 4.58.

"Of course we have to pitch a lot better than we have — all of us," Sabathia said. "It's a luxury to pitch for the Yankees. We always want to take pride in how we pitch, but we have to pitch a lot better."

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Knicks try to regroup

► Ugly loss in Miami has team starting from scratch in tonight's Game 2
► Woodson: 'All hell broke loose' ► Shumpert injury costs team on defense

A loss to the Heat is one thing, but Saturday's Game 1 performance by the Knicks was nothing short of an embarrassment.

The Knicks shot 37 percent from the field and turned the ball over 24 times — a disaster in the making against the fast-break Heat.

"I wish I could explain it," said head coach Mike Woodson. "I thought we came out ready to play. The first six minutes, [it was a] 29-32 ball game. Then all hell broke loose."

That hell was a 22-2 run keyed by 11 points from LeBron James. After J.R. Smith hit a 3-pointer with 6:52 left in the half to make it 30-29 in favor of Miami, the Knicks made just one more shot in the half — a jumper from Carmelo An-

Shumpert out

The Knicks lost their best perimeter defender when Iman Shumpert went down with a torn ACL.

"It's an unfortunate situation," Carmelo Anthony said. "We are definitely going to miss him."

thony. That made the lead 23 points at the half and the rout was on in the second half.

"I've been in this position before, where Game 1 was very, very critical — but this is not over," Amar'e Stoudemire said. "We've got to learn from our mistakes from today and get prepared for Monday."

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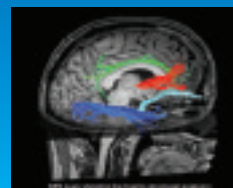
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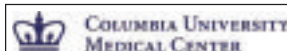
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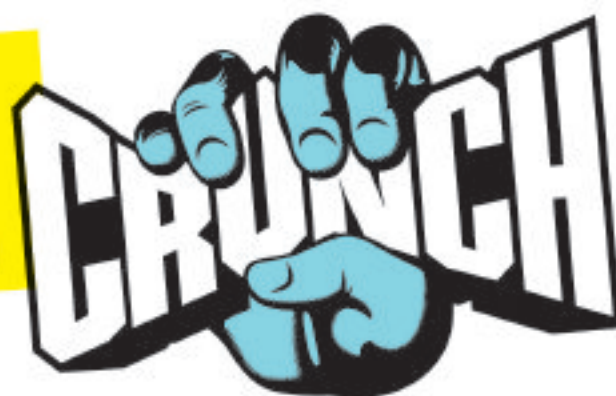
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